

**AMENDMENT TO H.R. 1501**  
**OFFERED BY MR. CUNNINGHAM OF CALIFORNIA**

At the end of the bill, insert the following:

1       **TITLE \_\_\_\_\_—MATTHEW’S LAW**

2       **SEC. \_\_\_\_ . SHORT TITLE.**

3           This title may be cited as “Matthew’s Law”.

4       **SEC. \_\_\_\_2. ENHANCED PENALTIES FOR CRIMES OF VIO-**  
5                       **LENCE AGAINST CHILDREN UNDER AGE 13.**

6           (a) IN GENERAL.—Title XVII of the Violent Crime  
7 Control and Law Enforcement Act of 1994 is amended  
8 by adding at the end the following:

9       **“Subtitle C—Enhanced Penalties**  
10       **for Crimes of Violence Against**  
11       **Children Under Age 13**

12       **“SEC. 170301. ENHANCED PENALTIES FOR CRIMES OF VIO-**  
13                       **LENCE AGAINST CHILDREN UNDER AGE 13.**

14           “(a) IN GENERAL.—The United States Sentencing  
15 Commission shall amend the Federal sentencing guidelines  
16 to provide a sentencing enhancement of not less than 5  
17 levels above the offense level otherwise provided for a  
18 crime of violence, if the crime of violence is against a child.

19           “(b) DEFINITIONS.—In this section—

20                       “(1) the term ‘crime of violence’ means any  
21 crime punishable by imprisonment for a term ex-

1       ceeding one year that has as an element the use, at-  
2       tempted use, or threatened use of physical force  
3       against the person of another; and

4               “(2) the term ‘child’ means a person who has  
5       not attained 13 years of age at the time of the of-  
6       fense.”.

7       (b) CONFORMING REPEAL.—Section 240002 of such  
8       Act (28 U.S.C. 994 note) is repealed.

9       (c) CLERICAL AMENDMENT.—The table of contents  
10      of such Act is amended by striking the item relating to  
11      subtitle C of title XVII and the items relating to sections  
12      170301 through 170303 and inserting the following:

“Subtitle C—Enhanced Penalties for Crimes of Violence Against Children  
Under Age 13

“Sec. 170301. Enhanced penalties for crimes of violence against children under  
age 13.”.

13   **SEC. \_\_\_\_ 3. FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION ASSIST-**  
14                   **ANCE AVAILABLE TO STATE OR LOCAL LAW**  
15                   **AUTHORITIES IN INVESTIGATING POSSIBLE**  
16                   **HOMICIDES OF CHILDREN UNDER THE AGE**  
17                   **OF 13.**

18       To the maximum extent practicable, the Federal Bu-  
19      reau of Investigation may provide to State and local law  
20      enforcement authorities such assistance as such authori-  
21      ties may require in investigating the death of an individual  
22      who has not attained 13 years of age under circumstances  
23      indicating that the death may have been a homicide.